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Applicants' response filed on 2/9/07 is considered to be non-responsive because applicant has now claimed a sealing apparatus in combination with a cap, shaft of a universal joint and needle-shaped bearings which was not originally claimed. Applicant has received an office action to the sealing apparatus and this was the invention elected by original presentation. Applicant should provide proper amendment directing the claims to a sealing apparatus.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 2/9/07 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has now claimed a sealing apparatus in combination with a cap, shaft of a universal joint and needle-shaped bearings. Applicant has received an office action to the sealing apparatus and this was the invention elected by original presentation. Also it is unclear how a sealing apparatus has a cap, shaft of a universal joint and needle-shaped bearings. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vishal Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7060. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am to 8:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia L. Engle can be reached on 571-272-6660. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vishal Patel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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